DAILY ELECTRONIC COMMERCIAL HARVEST REPORTING IN MARYLAND



This manual shows how to start daily fishing trips and report harvest in these fisheries using FACTS™

Blue Crab



All Finfish



FACTS™ Daily Trip Hail and Harvest Reporting System

User Manual

TROUBLESHOOTING AND GETTING ASSISTANCE

Call Toll Free Helpline Available 24 Hours a Day

1-877-979-1820

Some common problems that the helpline can assist with are listed below:

- Issues with your device or the electronic reporting system
- Forgetting your password
- Forgetting to report your trip hails daily

For additional details on troubleshooting or how to provide feedback, please refer to Section 13 on page 27.

Further E-Reporting information and training videos can be found at dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/e-reporting/index.aspx

The use of the term "fishing" and "fished" throughout this manual is used to describe finfish and blue crab trips.

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1 - Reporting Options

You can choose between four different reporting platform options to report your harvest electronically using FACTS™.

Reporting Platform Options

1. Mobile Website (Smartphone or Tablet): fisheryfacts.com/mobileMD



- Best for reporting using mobile devices while fishing.
- Drop-down menus for quick and simple reporting.
- Allows access to "My Account" preference settings and received messages in "View Messages."
- View quota status updates (example = Yellow Perch).

2. Portal Website (Laptop and Desktop Computer): fisheryfacts.com/portal



- Can be used to submit daily trip hails/harvest information, but the mobile website is better suited for these tasks.
- Allows access to trip and harvest history records.
- Allows access to "My Account" preference settings and received messages in "Messages."
- Allows access to transfer striped bass quota in "Quotas" menu.
- You can also view quota status updates (example = Yellow Perch).
- **3. Call Center:** Call **1-855-390-2722** to have an electronic reporting representative enter your daily trip and harvest information for you.
- **4. Texting (blue crab only):** Use **443-453-5260** to text your daily trip and harvest information. Please see <u>Section 14</u> for how to report by texting.

2 - How to Set Up Your Account

In order to make the reporting process faster and more streamlined, you can set up preferences within your account that will create drop-down menus or auto-fill information for you when you report.

To do this, please go to <u>fisheryfacts.com/portal</u> or <u>fisheryfacts.com/mobileMD</u>, log in using your Username and Password and click on "*My Account*" (located under Enter/Revise Trip Hails on the mobile site and in the upper right corner on the portal website).

This page allows you to do the following functions:

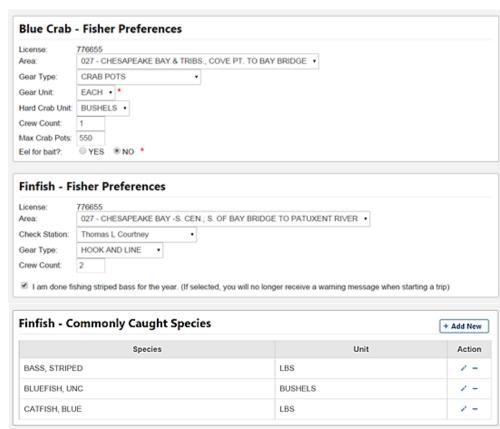
- Change your username and password
- Enter your **mobile phone** number to enable text message reminders
- Enter email address to receive important messages from FACTS™
- Add and edit contact information
- Save vessels and landing locations you commonly use during fishing
- **Fishery dependent information**: Save fields consistent in your daily fishing routine (remember to update if your routine changes)
 - Area you fish (NOAA Code)
 - Gear information
 - Harvest unit
 - Crew count (does not include yourself)
- Check station (only striped bass)

Cancel

- Commonly caught finfish species information
- Create accounts for authorized representatives to checkin your harvest (only for striped bass; refer to Section 4)

Update Account Details

Note: You must click the "Update Account Details" button on the bottom of the page to save changes.



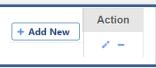
Fisher Preferences Example

Finfish Commonly

Caught Species

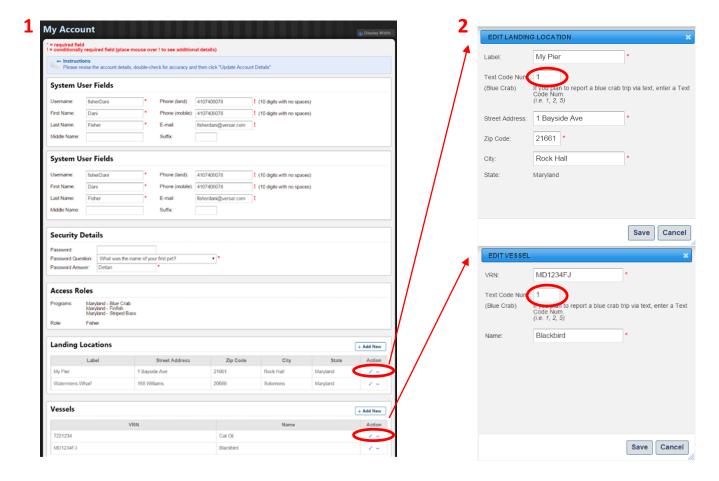
Example

Click on the "Add New" button to add new information and click the pencil to edit and or minus to remove.

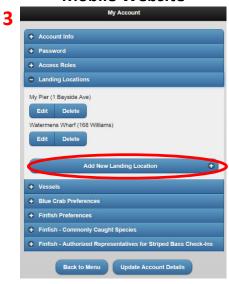


<u>Texting for Blue Crab</u>: If using the texting reporting option for blue crab, **you must assign texting code numbers to your vessels and landing locations** in order to successfully submit your trip start and end hails. To do this, access <u>www.fisheryfacts.com/portal</u> or the <u>www.fisheryfacts.com/mobileMD</u>, click on "*My Account*." Then select "*Add New*" or the pencil icon to edit an existing entry and assign a unique texting code for each entry (see image 1 and 2 below for portal website and image 3 for mobile website).

Portal Website



Mobile Website



3 - Daily E-Reporting Process and Best Reporting Practices

<u>Daily E-Reporting Process</u>: Includes 3 required steps (Trip Start Hail, Trip End Hail, and Harvest Verification) and 2 additional steps, if applicable (Revise or Cancel for both Trip Start Hail and Trip End Hail).

<u>Daily E-Reporting Process</u>



<u>Best Reporting Practices</u>: When reporting electronically with FACTS™, it is recommended that you follow a set of established "Best Reporting Practices" (listed in the table below).

	"Best Reporting Practices" when Reporting Harvest using FACTS™
Sending a Trip Start Hail	Trip start hails should be sent in the morning before you leave the dock or actively start fishing. If fishing with another waterman (as their crew) and you intend to split the harvest, you both must submit trip start hails in FACTS™ through your own accounts.
Revising a Trip Start Hail	Trip start hails should be revised if your crew count or anticipated landing time or location changes. Revisions should be sent right away if there is a change in crew count and at least 30 minutes prior to a new landing time and landing location .
Sending a Trip End Hail	Trip end hails should be sent any time after you have stopped actively harvesting for the day but before you return to the dock.
Revising a Trip End Hail	Trip end hails should be revised if any information changes from the original trip end hail. Revisions can be made before midnight of the day you went fishing. For finfish species other than Striped Bass, revise your harvest in the end hail report to match the final weight and count. If harvesting striped bass, changes cannot be made after the fish are checked in. If you need to correct harvest information after the day you went fishing, contact the helpline.
Canceling a Trip	Trips submitted in FACTS [™] should only be canceled if fishing did not occur (example: boat breaks down, learning how to use the system). If you accidentally cancel a trip, then start the trip over and re-enter your information as soon as possible.

4 – E-Reporting Incentives that Increase Business Flexibility

For those using FACTS™ to report harvest electronically, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering several fishery dependent incentives. For all FACTS™ available fisheries, only report on the days you go out to actively harvest. Fishery specific flexibilities are outlined below.

Blue Crab Fishery:

• Flexible Day Off – You get to pick your day off each week and it can vary week to week based on what works best for you; as long as you take one day off during the week (working no more than 6 days a week). When using this flexibility, your work week starts on Wednesday and ends on Tuesday.

Note: You should remove the MON or SUN stickers on your boat and replace them with EHR (for electronic harvest reporting) stickers 4" on port side, and your vessel registration number (VRN) must be correct in the FACTS™ system so that Natural Resource Police are aware that you are participating in E-Reporting.

Yellow Perch Fishery:

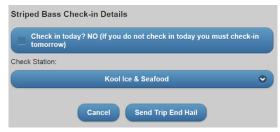
- Allows the Use of Box Tags Free box tags are provided for pilot program participants.
- No daily calls to the Yellow Perch Hotline when you use FACTS™ to report your trips.
- View updated available yellow perch quota when you use FACTS™ (refer to Section 10).

Striped Bass Fishery:

- Next Day Check-in of Harvest You can keep fish from one day of fishing and check it in on the
 following day (either in the morning before you start your next trip or as combined harvest at
 the end of the day). You will indicate your intention to check-in today or the following day in
 your trip end hail via a check box (image 1 below; refer to Section 7 for how to submit a trip end
 hail).
- Authorized Representatives You can designate a representative(s) to check-in your daily harvest for you at a check station (cannot be combined with next day check-in incentive). Go to "My Account" settings and provide them with a unique username and password (image 2 below; refer to Section 2 for how to setup your account).

Next Day Check-In Incentive Striped Bass Check-in Details Check-in today?: No (If you do not check in today you must check-in tomorrow) Check Station: Kool Ice & Seafood

Mobile Website



Portal Website

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Mobile Website







5 – How to Start a Fishing Trip in FACTS™ (Trip Start Hail)

Before you start fishing for the day you will submit a trip start hail, which includes your vessel information, crew count, gear type used for fishing and anticipated landing information. Please see below for trip start hail examples.

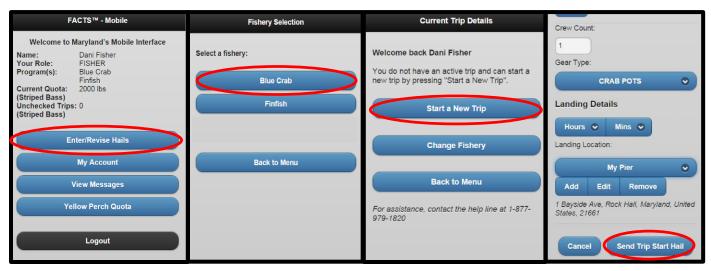
NOTE: For <u>Finfish</u> harvesters, there are special circumstances to consider when it comes to hailing. Please follow these guidelines to ensure that your activity is correctly reported for your license:

- **Hail** If you have your Striped Bass tags on the boat, since under regulations this constitutes intent to fish.
- **Hail** If you are going out to harvest and intend to report the catch under <u>your</u> license.
- Hail If you are going out to harvest as crew and the captain is also a FACTS[™] user. In this case, you will report "No Harvest" for the trip and the VRN number will link the trips for you and the captain together. The captain will report the trip's harvest using their FACTS[™] account.
- **NO Hail** If you are going out to harvest as crew, but the captain is going to report the trip using the monthly <u>paper</u> Finfish harvest report. It is important that you make sure the captain includes your license number on their monthly paper Finfish report.

<u>Call Center</u>: Call **1-855-390-2722.** The operator will ask which fishery you are reporting for and then your username. The operator will then ask you questions about what you would like to enter in your Trip Start Hail.

<u>Mobile Website</u>: 1) First click "Enter/Revise Hails" which will direct you to a fishery selection page for you to select the fishery you are fishing in for the day, 2) select the correct fishery, 3) click "Start a New Trip" and 4) fill out the required fields and select "Send Trip Start Hail." See images below for details.

<u>Portal Website</u>: 1) Click on the "*Trips*" menu tab in the top right corner of the home page and select "*Enter/Revise Hails*" from the drop-down menu, 2) select the fishery you will be fishing in for the day, 3) select "*Start a New Trip*" and 4) fill out the required field and select "*Send Trip Start Hail*." See images below for details (layout and design of portal website is slightly different from the mobile website, however the information required is the same).



Note: If you participate in daily electronic reporting with FACTS™ for the striped bass fishery, then the home page (left hand portion of the image above) will also show your verified striped bass quota (based on harvest checked-in), the number of unchecked trips you have and if you have unchecked trips, your estimated quota (based on harvest lbs. entered in the trip end hail of unchecked trips).

6 - How to Submit Your Blue Crab Harvest (Trip End Hail)

After submitting your trip start hail (refer to <u>Section 5</u>) and completing your crabbing trip, you will need to submit a trip end hail after you have stopped actively fishing for the day but before you return to the dock. If you forget to submit a trip end hail, you will be notified that it is missing the next time you go crabbing. You are required to submit all missing trip end hails from all fisheries before starting a new trip (refer to <u>Section 9</u>).

Some information will be pre-filled in your trip end hail from your trip start hail. Make sure to review this information and confirm that nothing has changed.

Additional information that will be required for you to report in your trip end hail is as follows:

- Area Crabbed
- Hours Crabbed
- Gear Details (quantity used, unit, max crab pots in water)
- Do you have harvest to report? (Y/N)
- Harvest Details (hard crab unit, quantity caught by grade)
- Market Destination Details (% of Total harvest sold to restaurants, public, dealers and not sold)

<u>Note</u>: You need to enter a value in each field on the Trip End Hail form. If the value is zero please put a "0" in the field. If you select that you have NO harvest to report from this trip, the "Harvest Details" section of the trip end hail form will be hidden.

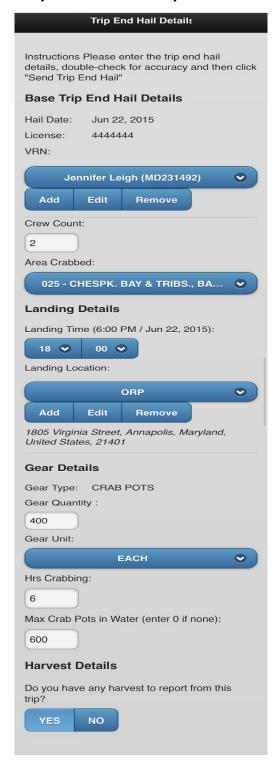
Refer to the image on the next page from the mobile website for information you will be required to report in a blue crab trip end hail for <u>ALL reporting options</u>. For trotline you will also report the gear unit (yards or feet).

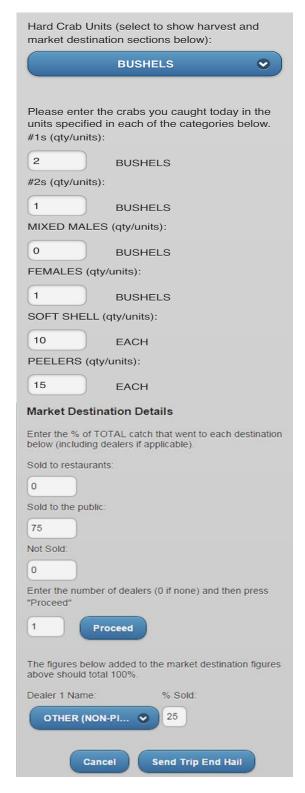
<u>Call Center</u>: Call **1-855-390-2722.** The operator will ask you which fishery you are reporting for and your username and then what task you would like to do ("Send Trip End Hail"). They will then verify whether any information from your trip start hail has changed and then ask you to report the information outlined above.

<u>Mobile Website</u>: 1) First click "*Enter/Revise Hails*" which will direct you to a fishery selection page for you to select the fishery you are fishing in for the day, 2) select the "*Blue Crab*" fishery, 3) click "*Send Trip End Hail*" and 4) fill out the required fields and select "*Send Trip End Hail*" See images on the following page for details.

<u>Portal Website</u>: 1) Click on the "*Trips*" menu tab in the top right corner of the home page and select "*Enter/Revise Hails*" from the drop-down menu, 2) select the "*Maryland - Blue Crab*" fishery, 3) select "*Send Trip End Hail*" and 4) fill out the required field and select "*Send Trip End Hail*." See images on the following page for details (layout and design of portal website is slightly different from the mobile website, however the information required is the same).

Example: Blue Crab Trip End Hail in Mobile Website





Note: If selling to multiple dealers other than JM Clayton's, enter number of dealers as 1. Then enter the sum of the total percent harvest sold in "OTHER (NON-PILOT)" dealer section.

7 – How to Submit Your Finfish Harvest (Trip End Hail)

After submitting your trip start hail (refer to <u>Section 5</u>) and completing your fishing trip, you will need to submit a trip end hail any time after you have stopped actively harvesting for the day but before you return to the dock. If your harvest details change after you have submitted your trip end hail, you **are required** to revise this hail with the updated harvest information in order for your account to reflect accurate harvest numbers (refer to <u>Section 8</u> for information regarding revisions to trip start and end hails). If you forget to submit a trip end hail, you will be notified that it is missing and will be required to submit the information before starting your next trip. You are required to submit all missing trip end hails from all fisheries before starting a new trip (refer to <u>Section 9</u>).

Some information will be pre-filled from your trip start hail. Make sure to review this information and confirm that nothing has changed.

Additional information that will be required for you to report in your trip end hail:

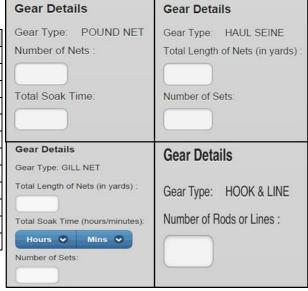
- Area fished
- Gear Details (varies depending on gear type you are reporting with as outlined in table below; see image below for example formats)
- Harvest Details
 - o Do you have harvest to report?: Yes/No
 - Species, Quantity, and Disposition
- If you harvested striped bass
 - Are you checking in today?
 - Check Station name

<u>Note</u>: If you select that you have NO harvest to report from this trip, the "Harvest Details" section of the trip end hail form will be hidden. You can use the minus sign to edit finfish species not caught on this trip. This will not delete them from your preferences, only from the current trip end hail form. You need to enter a value in each field on the Trip End Hail form. If the value is zero please put a "0" in the field.

The questions in the Gear Details section will change depending on the gear you are using. The table below outlines the Gear Details reporting requirements for each type of finfish gear and the figure

below shows example Gear Details formats.

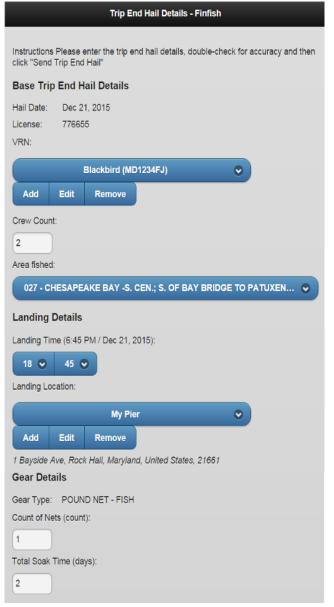
GEAR NAME	SET COUNT	SOAK TIME	GEAR QUANTITY
BY HAND	NO	NO	NO
FYKE NET	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of nets)
GILL NET - DRIFT	YES	YES (HOURS)	YES (yards of net)
HAUL SEINE	YES	NO	YES (yards of net)
HOOK AND LINE	NO	NO	YES (count of rods)
POTS - CONCH	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of pots)
POTS - EEL	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of pots)
POTS - FISH	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of pots)
POTS - TURTLE	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of pots)
POUND NET - FISH	NO	YES (DAYS)	YES (count of nets)
SCRAPES - CRAB	YES	NO	NO
SPEAR/HARPOON	NO	NO	YES (count of spears)



<u>Call Center</u>: Call **1-855-390-2722.** The representative will ask you which fishery you are reporting for and your username and then what task you would like to do ("Send Trip End Hail"). They will then verify whether any information from your trip start hail has changed and then ask you to report the information outlined on page 13.

<u>Mobile Website</u>: 1) First click "*Enter/Revise Hails*" which will direct you to a fishery selection page for you to select the fishery you are fishing in for the day, 2) select the "*Finfish*" fishery, 3) click "*Send Trip End Hail*" and 4) fill out the required fields and select "*Send Trip End Hail*." See example below.

<u>Portal Website</u>: 1) Click on the "*Trips*" menu tab in the top right corner of the home page and select "*Enter/Revise Hails*" from the drop-down menu, 2) select the "*Maryland – Finfish*" fishery, 3) select "*Send Trip End Hail*." See example below (layout and design of portal website is slightly different from the mobile website, however the information required is the same).

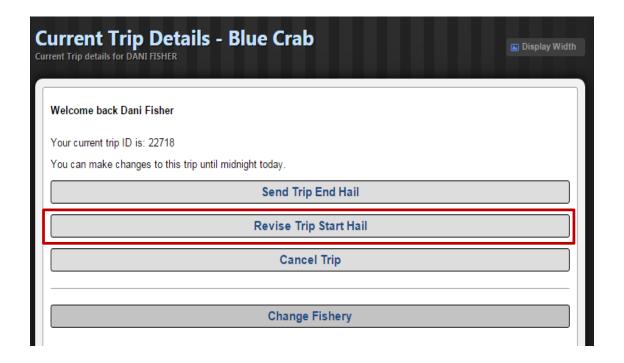


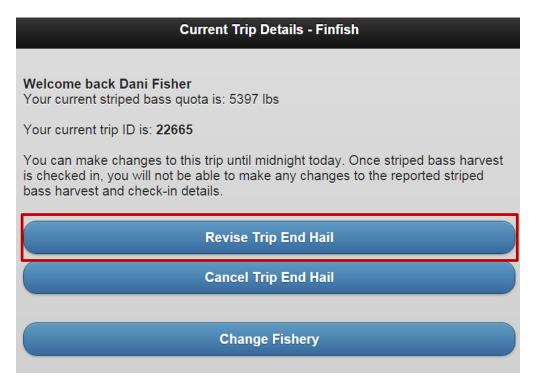


8 – How to Revise Trip Start Hails & Harvest Reported (Trip End Hails)

Making Hail Revisions

You have the option to revise and cancel all hails when necessary. All revisions must be made before midnight. If revising a striped bass trip, revisions must be made before check-in. You can also cancel the entire trip by selecting "*Cancel Trip*." Please refer to <u>Section 3</u>, Daily E-Reporting Process and Best Reporting Practices, for more details on when to revise and cancel a trip. Examples of how to provide revised trip hails using the portal (upper image) and mobile (lower image) websites are shown below.

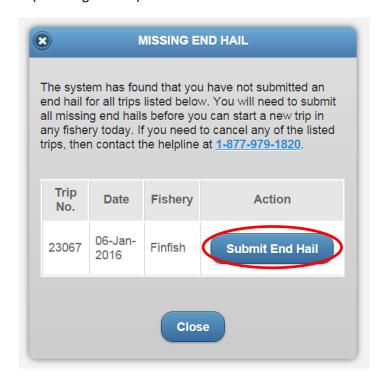




9 - How to Back-Enter Missing Trip End Hails

Submitting Missing Trip End Hails

If you have forgotten to submit a Trip End Hail for any prior fishing trips, FACTS™ will prompt you to backenter the missing Trip End Hail information when you go to start a new Trip Start Hail. A missing Trip End Hail can be back-entered on either the mobile or portal sites. To submit the information, select the "Submit End Hail" button (see image below).



After selecting the button, a new page will open where you can enter your prior trip's information. The process for back-entering missing Trip End Hail information is the same as submitting a Trip End Hail (see your fishery specific Trip End Hail Section).

10 - How to Transfer and View Quotas in FACTS™

The FACTS™ E-Reporting system can help you manage your fishing seasons by allowing you to electronically transfer quota and by displaying the most up to date details on available quota for a variety of species. Specific information on how to electronically transfer and view available quota information is provided in the following sections.

Quota Transfers

The FACTS™ E-Reporting system allows you to electronically transfer and manage your striped bass quota. Transfers in FACTS™ comply with Maryland DNR rules, regulations, and policies. For any questions regarding these rules, regulations, and polices please contact Maryland DNR. You will need to access fisheryfacts.com/portal on a laptop or desktop computer if you wish to transfer quota electronically.

<u>Note</u>: It is important for watermen to remember that they cannot go fishing if they have initiated a quota transfer in the system until Maryland DNR accepts or rejects the transfer, the recipient of the transfer declines the transfer, or the initiating waterman revokes the transfer before the recipient takes any action.

The following is a list of restrictions for transferring quota electronically:

- You cannot transfer quota if you have any unchecked trips in the system.
- You cannot transfer quota if you have an active trip open in the system or an active transfer.
- Transfers can only occur between individuals using FACTS™ who have the same fishery declaration (e.g. ITQ).

<u>Quota Transfer Process</u>: Includes 4 main steps (Transfer Requested, Transfer Accepted, Transfer Reviewed/Approved by DNR, and Transferred Quota Available).

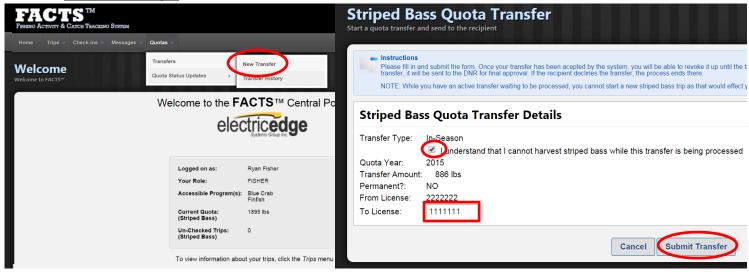


Steps to Transfer/Receive Quota:

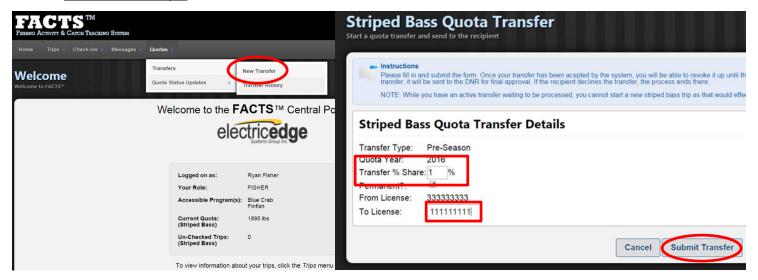
Step 1: Quota Transfer Requested: To transfer your quota to another waterman: Go to "*Quotas*" dropdown menu, select "*Transfers*" and then select "*New Transfer*." Enter the license number of the licensee you wish to transfer quota to, check the box indicating that you understand that you cannot harvest striped bass while the transfer is being processed, and select "*Submit Transfer*." See example images below for "In-Season" and "Pre-Season" transfers.

<u>Note</u>: Transfers can either be made "In-Season" or "Pre-Season." If you are doing a "Pre-Season" transfer, you will also have to enter the percent of quota that you wish to transfer and indicate whether it is a permanent or temporary transfer (see examples on following page).

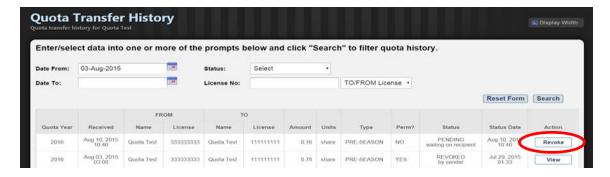
In-Season Example



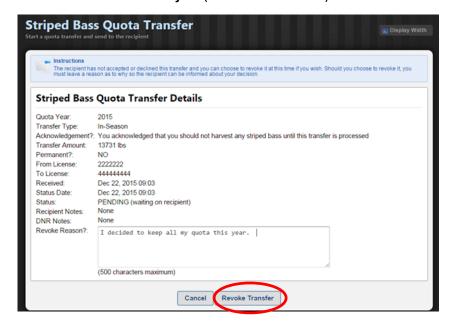
Pre-Season Example



You have the ability to revoke the transfer at any time until the recipient accepts or declines the transfer. If you would like to review or revoke a transfer that you have initiated, first select "Transfer History" under the "Quota" drop-down menu in the "Transfers" section. When the "Quota Transfer History" page opens, you will see a "Revoke" button under the action column which you can select to cancel the transfer (circled in red below).



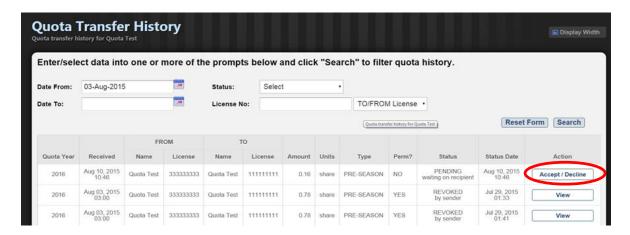
When you click on the "*Revoke*" button, you must enter a reason for revoking the transfer in the text box (shown below) and then select "*Revoke Transfer*" (circled in red below).



You will be able to see that the transfer was revoked within your "Quota Transfer History" by selecting the "View" button under the "Transfers" in the "Quotas" drop-down menu (shown below).

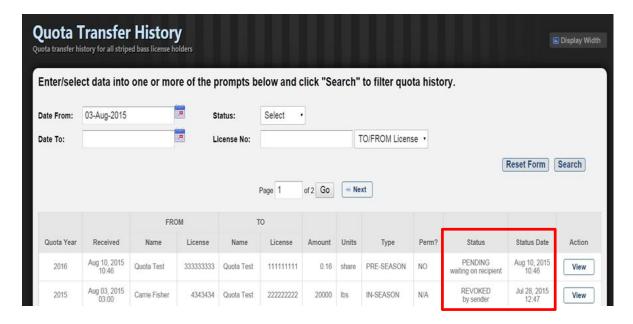


Step 2: Quota Transfer Accepted: If another waterman has started a quota transfer to you, you will receive a notification through FACTS™ stating that a quota transfer has been initiated to your license. You have the ability to accept or decline the transfer in your "Quota Transfer History" (shown below). If the recipient declines the transfer, no quota will be transferred and if the recipient accepts the transfer, the transfer is electronically sent to DNR for review.



Step 3: Quota Transfer Reviewed/Accepted by DNR: If the recipient accepts the transfer, Maryland DNR must then review the transfer and either approve or reject the transfer within 2 business days of the transfer being accepted.

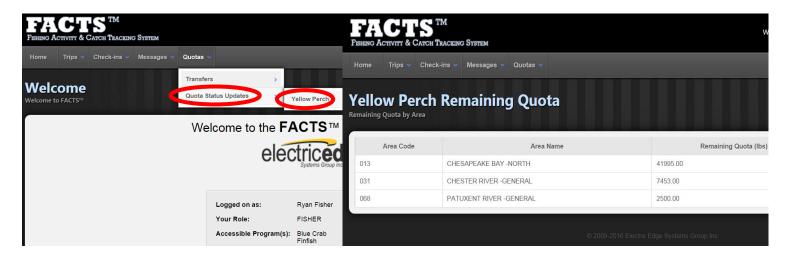
Step 4: Transferred Quota Available: If Maryland DNR accepts the transfer, it will be processed immediately in FACTS™. You will receive notification of an approval or rejection by Maryland DNR of a quota transfer and you be able to view this status within your "Quota Transfer History" for any past transfer (shown below).



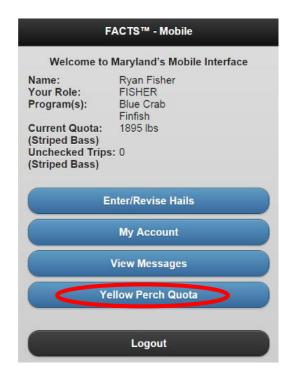
Viewing Current Quotas Information

Within FACTS™, you are able to view the most up to date quota information for individual fisheries. To view on the portal website, navigate to the "*Quotas*" drop-down menu and select the "*Quota Status Updates*" button. Then select the fishery you are interested in.

For example, to view the remaining yellow perch quota, select "Yellow Perch" under the "Quota Status Updates."



To view the same information on the mobile site, click the "Yellow Perch Quota" button on the home screen.





11 - Harvest Verification

Built into the FACTS™ E-Reporting system are different methods to verify your reported harvest based on the fishery you are reporting for (see below).

Harvest verification could occur either through dealer reports or random dockside monitoring. If you sell your harvest to a dealer participating in the E-Reporting program, the report will be used to verify harvest that was reported in your trip end hail. Similarly, dockside monitors may randomly meet you at your landing location and observe the harvest you have collected for that day's fishing trip. **Your trip must have a trip end hail before harvest can be verified.** Both of these reports will require your confirmation using your username and password and will be visible in the trip details of your trip records, accessible under "My Trips" (refer to Section 12 for complete guide).

Striped Bass

Registered check stations serve as the harvest verification metric in the striped bass fishery. Check station operators will count and weigh your harvest and submit an electronic check-in report that you will review and sign off on before you leave the check station (red circle, image 1 below). **Trips must have trip end hails in order to check-in harvest from those trips**. If checking in two trips worth of harvest (next day check-in incentive), the check station will enter the total count and weight (lbs.) from these trips. You have until midnight the same day to go to the check station to revise your check-in report if an error is found. If it is after midnight the day of check-in, call the Helpline at 1-877-979-1820.

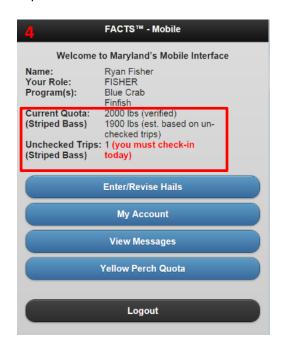
When you log in to your account after checking in your harvest with the check station, you will see a message notification (image 2 below) where you can view your check-in receipt (image 3 below) by selecting "View Message List." This receipt can also by texted and e-mailed to you using the contact information provided in your "My Account" settings. A record of these receipts are stored in FACTS™. You can look up these receipts by selecting the "View Messages" button on the mobile website or the "Alerts & Notifications" in the portal website.

Example Check-in Report Check-in Report Message Notific.. 2 bmit a Striped Bass Check-in Report You have 1 new message(s) This notice will show here until you go to your message list and view the new NOTE: You can revise this report until midnight today, but you will need the fisher or their authorized representative present to provide their username and password to confirm the revised details. To revise a report y message(s). **Check-In Details** Jun 08, 2015 12:46 Report Date: Close View Message List Check Station: D & D Seafood 669911 License No.: Catch Weight: 45 lbs Catch Count: 5 count Subject: Check-In Report **Confirmation Details** Checked at: D & D Seafood Please have the fisher or their authorized representative enter the username and password below to confirm the check-in details entered above Confirmed by: Julie Fisher Username fisherjulie Weight: 45 Count: 5 Password: Please view your Check-In Report History for full details. Send Check-in Report

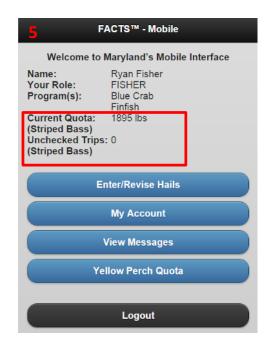
Note: Before you check-in, you will see on your home page your current verified quota (based on harvest that has been checked in), how many unchecked trips you have, and if you have unchecked trips, your estimated quota (based on harvest lbs. entered in the trip end hail of unchecked trips) (image 4 below). **Estimated quota is just an estimate to help you gauge how much quota you have left if you have unchecked trips**. After checking in your harvest with the check station, your current quota will be your verified quota minus the lbs. that were checked in (image 5 below).

Example

Before Checking In: Trip End Hail Estimated Harvest = 100 lbs.

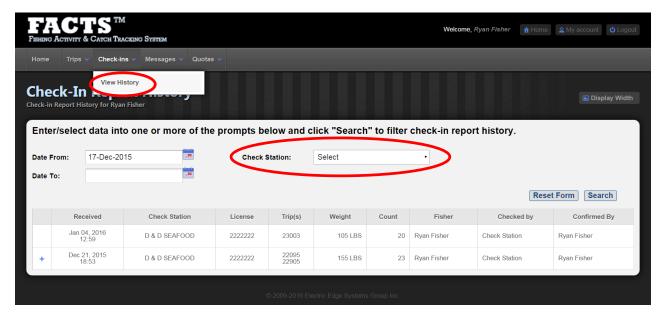


After Checking In: Harvest Checked In = 105 lbs.



View Your Check-in History

You can view your check-in history by going to the Portal Website, <u>fisheryfacts.com/portal</u>, and clicking on the Check-ins drop-down menu and selecting "*View History*." You can refine your search by a date range and name of check station where you checked in your fish.



12 - How to Access Your Records and Messages

Accessing Your Records

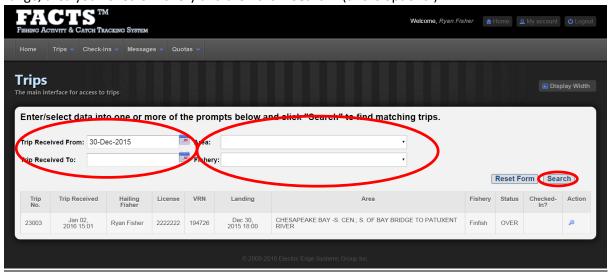
By accessing <u>fisheryfacts.com/portal</u> on a computer via your username and password, you will be able to view past trip/harvest information or dealer reports in the "*Trips*" menu under "*My Trips*," striped bass check-in history in the "*Check-ins*" menu, under "*View History*," and past messages in "*Messages*."

To view past trip and harvest information from each of your trips:

1. Click on the "*Trips*" menu tab in the top left corner of the page and select "*My Trips*" from the drop-down.



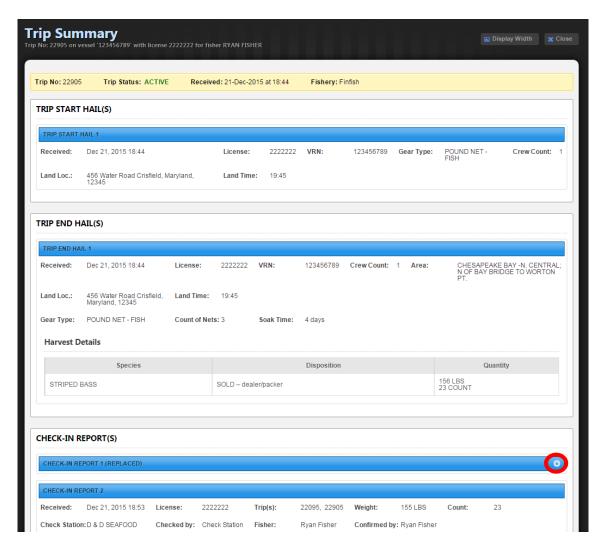
2. Initially, you will see all your trips. You can narrow your search results by selecting a specific date range, area you fished or fishery and then click "**Search**" (this is optional).



3. To view the details of a particular trip, click on the magnifying glass icon in the "Action" column of the table.

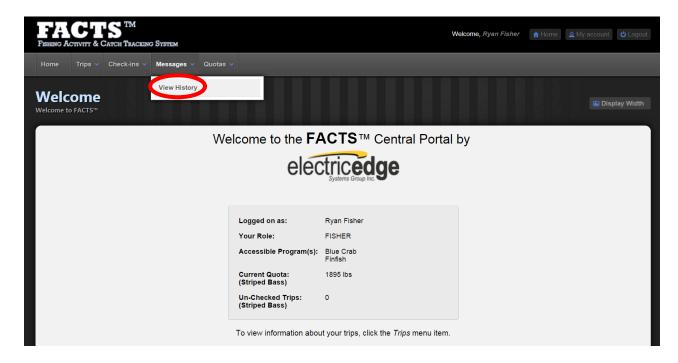


Trip details will open in another browser tab displaying your trip information (when and where you landed) as well as your harvest information. On this same page, you will be able to see the check station report (striped bass), dealer report, or a possible dockside monitor report. If any of these reports have been revised, you can still view the original report (replaced) by clicking on the arrow in the circle on the right side of the header bar (red circle shown below), which will expand the hidden information that was replaced. To print the "Trip Summary" for your records, right click with you mouse on the webpage and select "Print" from the menu that pops up.

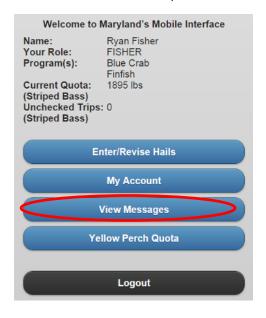


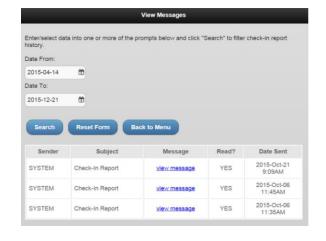
Accessing Your Messages

To view messages on the portal website navigate to the "*Messages*" button. You can view a history of check-in receipts (striped bass), messages from Maryland DNR, and notifications of future updates to FACTS™ by selecting the "*Messages*" and then "*View History*." You can search past messages using a specific date range.



To view on the mobile site, click "View Messages" on the home screen.





13 - How to Troubleshoot, Get Assistance and Provide Feedback

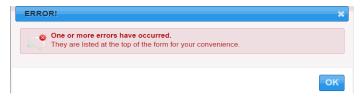
If you ever encounter an issue while reporting, have a question or concern, or would just like to provide feedback on the FACTS™ E-Reporting system or process, please call the Helpline at **1-877-979-1820**. This toll free helpline is staffed by a member of the electronic reporting team 24/7. If your call happens to be directed to an answering machine, please leave your name, phone number and a short message describing the problem or feedback and someone will return your call shortly.

Additional E-Reporting information and training videos can be found at dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/e-reporting/index.aspx

Below are some commonly encountered problems and how you can go about resolving them.

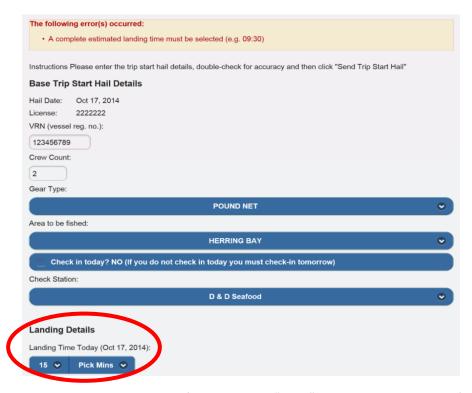
Error Message When Submitting a Trip Hail

If you encounter an error or have incomplete data when trying to submit a trip hail, FACTS™ will display an error message in a red box.



Click "OK" and FACTS™ will provide instructions as to where the error occurred and how to fix the error.

Instructions will be listed at the top of the page in a red box. An example of an error message is shown below.



Once all errors have been corrected on the form, click the "**Send**" button at the bottom of the page. If errors still occur, FACTS™ will display another red error box with instructions; if no errors occurred, FACTS™ will display a green box stating that the trip hail was submitted successfully.

Device or Reporting Problems

If you encounter a problem with reporting your harvest using FACTS™, you can call the toll free Helpline at 1-877-979-1820 for assistance.

Forgetting Passwords

If you have forgotten your password, you can retrieve your password by answering your security question using the web interface (smartphone or tablet), or by contacting the Helpline (toll free 1-877-979-1820).

If you have set up your security question in "My Account" you can retrieve your password by selecting "Forgot Password?" on the home page of the mobile or portal website. You will be prompted to answer the security question. If you answer the question correctly, your password will be shown to you on the screen.

Forgetting to Report Daily Harvest

If you have forgotten to start a daily trip and report harvest for the day, you can still submit your daily harvest up until midnight of the night of your trip, or for striped bass, up until you check-in your harvest if you are checking in your harvest for the day. In the instance that you don't submit your harvest report via FACTS™ during the day of harvest, you will have to follow the procedures outlined in the "Alternative Reporting Methods" section, below.

If you forget to submit a trip end hail and harvest information before midnight, you must fill in the missing trip end hail form that appears when you go to start a new trip. You must submit all missing trip end hails from all fisheries before starting a new trip in any fishery. A missing trip end hail notification will display and direct you to fill in the required information (refer to Section 9).

Alternative Reporting Methods

If your problem cannot be resolved during the day of harvest, then you should call the Helpline and let the support staff know about the problem and document any harvest that you are unable to report using the paper report until the problem can be resolved. A Maryland DNR representative will contact you to collect any harvest information that you could not submit electronically. You will not be submitting the paper report to DNR, but will be using it to provide the DNR representative with your accurate harvest details for back-entry. Paper forms are provided for your convenience at:

http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Fisheries-Forms.aspx

Regulation Issue or Question

If you have a regulation issue or question, please contact Jacob Holtz with the Maryland Commercial Regulations Group at the phone number or email listed below:

Phone Number: 410-260-8262

Email: jacob.holtz@maryland.gov

14 - Reporting via Text Message for the Blue Crab Fishery

The phone number for texting in the blue crab fishery is **443-453-5260**. Each text message contains a series of codes. Each piece of information **must be separated by a space** in order for FACTS™ to accept the information; however, the order of each piece of information within the text message does not matter. **Lower case letters can also be used**. You can save a quick text in your phone containing the proper string of text. This will save you from having to type the string of code each time and avoid typos. However, be sure to edit the quick text you have saved if any information changes from your daily crabbing routine. If the data you have submitted is acceptable, FACTS™ will send a text message back to you stating that your hail was submitted successfully. If FACTS™ encounters any errors with the data that you are trying to submit, a return text message will be sent to you stating where the errors in the data string can be found; you must edit the data string and resend your hail until the data has been submitted successfully.

Note: You must assign texting code numbers to vessels and landing locations **before** you can text your trip start and end hails. Please refer to the **How to Set Up Your Account** in <u>Section 2</u> above for more details.

Examples of all types of text messages that can be sent into FACTS™ are presented below.

Trip Start Hail Example:

UN333333 PWcrabber SH V1 CC1 GTCP LT1300 LL1

Revised Trip Start Hail Example:

UN333333 PWcrabber RSH V1 CC1 GTCP LT1330 LL1

Trip End Hail With No Harvest Example:

UN333333 PWpassword EH V1 CC1 LT1300 LL1 AR112 HHN GQ200 X400 H5.5

Trip End Hail With Harvest Example:

UN333333 PWpassword EH V1 CC1 LT1300 LL1 AR112 **HHY** GQ200 X400 H5.5 **HUB N1 T2 M3 FM4 S5 P6 DC2 PP10 PR10 PK10 DD1,30*DD2,40**

Revised Trip End Hail With No Harvest Example:

UN333333 PWpassword REH V1 CC1 LT1300 LL1 AR112 HHN GQ200 X400 H7.5

Revised Trip End Hail With Harvest Example:

UN333333 PWpassword REH V1 CC1 LT1300 LL1 AR112 **HHY** GQ200 X400 H7.5 **HUB N1 T2 M3 FM4 S5 P6 DC2 PP10 PR10 PK10 DD1,30*DD2,40**

Cancel Trip End Hail Example:

UN333333 PWcrabber CEH

Cancel Trip Example:

UN333333 PWcrabber CT

Each trip start hail contains three types of codes (Log-In, Action, and Trip Start Hail Data Codes) and each trip end hail contains five types of codes (Log-In, Action, Trip End Hail, Area, Gear Type, and Dealer Data Codes). The following boxes detail the abbreviation to be used in your hail and a description of what each abbreviation means.

Log-In Codes:	UN – Username	PW – Password
Action Codes:	SH – Send Trip Start Hail	RSH – Revise Trip Start Hail
	EH – Send Trip End Hail	REH – Revise Trip End Hail
	CEH – Cancel Trip End Hail	CT – Cancel Trip
Trip Start Hail	V – Vessel Code*	CC – Crew Count
Data Codes:	LL – Landing Location Code**	LT – Landing Time (HourMin; 24-hr clock)
	GT – Gear Type (See Codes Below)	

Trip End Hail	V – Vessel Code*	GQ — Gear Quantity Fished (All Gears except Trotline)
Data Codes:	CC – Crew Count	GQY — Gear Quantity Fished in Yards (Trotline Only)
	LT – Landing Time (HourMin; 24-hr clock)	GQF — Gear Quantity Fished in Feet (Trotline Only)
	LL – Landing Location Code**	AR – Area Fished (See Codes Below)
	HH – Have Harvest to Report (Y or N)	HU – Hard Crab Units (B or P)
	H – Hours Crabbed	X – Max Number of Crab Pots in Water
	N – Quantity of #1 Males $^{\Omega}$	PP – % Sold to Public $^{\Omega,***}$
	T – Quantity of #2 Males $^{\Omega}$	PR – % Sold to Restaurants ^{Ω,***}
	M – Quantity of Mixed Males $^{\Omega}$	$PK - \%$ Not Sold ^{Ω,***}
	$FM-Quantity \ of \ Females^\Omega$	DC – Dealer Count (0 or greater)
	S – Quantity of Soft Crabs $^{\Omega}$	DD – Dealer List Data (See Codes Below) †,***
	P – Quantity of Peelers $^{\Omega}$	

Dealer Codes: 1 - Other Non-Participating	ng Dealer 2 - JM Clayton's
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^{*} NUMBER CODE THAT YOU SET IN YOUR VESSEL PREFERENCES FOR EACH VESSEL YOU WILL FISH ON (See Section 2)

^{**} BASED ON THE NUMBER CODES YOU DESIGNATED IN YOUR LANDING LOCATION PREFERENCES (See Section 2)

^a ONLY NEEDED WHEN HAVE HARVEST IS YES (HHY); WHEN HAVE HARVEST IS NO (HHN), DO NOT INCLUDE

[†] REPORTED AS "FIRST DEALER CODE," SOLD"—IF YOU SELL TO MORE THAN ONE DEALER, SEPARATE ENTRIES WITH "*" (EXAMPLE: DD1,50*DD2,50)

^{***}WHEN YOU SEND YOUR TRIP END TRIP HAIL, THE TOTAL OF ALL MARKET DESTINATION (PP, PK, PR, DD)
PERCENTS MUST EQUAL 100% IN ORDER FOR THE TRIP END HAIL TO BE SUBMITTED

Area Codes: 012 - ATLANTIC OCEAN

005 - BIG ANNEMESSEX RIVER

014 - CHESAPEAKE BAY & TRIBS. NORTH OF WORTON PT.

025 - CHESPK. BAY & TRIBS., BAY BRIDGE TO WORTON PT.

027 - CHESPK. BAY & MINOR TRIBS. COVE PT. TO BAY BRIDGE

029 - CHESAPEAKE BAY - SOUTH OF COVE POINT

031 - CHESTER RIVER

037 - CHOPTANK RIVER

039 - EASTERN BAY

043 - FISHING BAY

047 - HONGA RIVER

053 - LITTLE CHOPTANK RIVER

055 - MAGOTHY RIVER

057 - MANOKIN RIVER

060 - MILES RIVER

062 - NANTICOKE RIVER

066 - PATAPSCO RIVER

068 - PATUXENT RIVER

072 - POCOMOKE SOUND

074 - POTOMAC RIVER - MD TRIBUTARIES ONLY

082 - SEVERN RIVER

088 - SOUTH RIVER

092 - TANGIER SOUND

096 - WICOMICO RIVER - WICOMICO COUNTY

099 - WYE RIVER

112 - ALL OCEANSIDE BAYS

Gear Type TL – TROTLINES**** CP – CRAB POTS

Codes: SD – SCRAPES/DREDGES CT – COLLAPSIBLE TRAPS

CB – CRAB POUNDS/BANK TRAPS DN – DIP NETS

NR – NET RINGS PP – PEELER POTS

****FOR GEAR TYPE TROTLINE (TL), YOU HAVE TO INDICATE YARDS OR FEET BY USING EITHER GQY (FOR YARDS)
OR GQF (FOR FEET) FOLLOWED BY THE LENGTH (EXAMPLE: GQY500 = GEAR QUANTITY FISHED WAS 500 YARDS).
FOR ALL OTHER GEAR TYPES YOU WILL USE GQ FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER (EXAMPLE: GQ200 = GEAR QUANTITY
200) TO INDICATE HOW MANY WERE FISHED (POTS, TRAPS, DREDGES, ETC.)